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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Form PTO-2038 Credit Card Payment Form in the amount of \$1,700.00: \$790.00 for RCE fee and \$910.00 3 months Extension of Time (\$1,020.00 - \$110.00, the one month extension fee of \$110 was paid on November 23, 2004);
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Respectfully submitted,

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